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COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE DRYING CYCLE

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DE 31 34 506 discloses that the invention relates in particular to a drier, in which heat recovery is made possible by means of a passive component (heat pipe).

DE 27 16 686 discloses a dishwasher or wash dryer having a container relative to which a heat pipe (15) is arranged for condensing steam during a drying cycle. The heat pipe (15) is controllable via thermal evacuation of an inert gas from an adsorption means (24).

DE 101 09 393 discloses a process where a fan (20) extracts wet air from the chamber (10) and passes it through a condenser (12) and return it to the chamber. The fan is activated for periods between inactive periods during which time the temperature in the wash chamber reduces and the moisture content of the air is increased and removed during the following active phase.

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